

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of
4 Lloyd M. Bertholf, former president of Illinois Wesleyan
5 University, who passed away on Monday, January 20, 2003 at
6 the age of 103; and

7 WHEREAS, Lloyd Bertholf was born on December 15, 1899 in
8 Wichita, Kansas; he married Martha, who preceded him in death
9 in 1999 at the age of 101; and

10 WHEREAS, He was a nationally regarded biologist and was
11 renowned for his research on the physiology and behavior of
12 honeybees; he was a graduate of Southwestern College in
13 Winfield, Kansas; he received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from
14 Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, where he studied
15 zoology and chemistry; under a Rockefeller fellowship, he
16 conducted post-doctoral research into insect behavior in 1930
17 and 1931 at the University of Munich in Germany, where he
18 worked with famed scientist Karl von Frisch; and

19 WHEREAS, He taught biology and zoology at several
20 colleges, serving as dean at two colleges prior to being
21 elected president of Illinois Wesleyan in 1957; he served as
22 a science consultant to Ewha Women's University in Seoul,
23 South Korea in 1969 and 1970; and

24 WHEREAS, He was Illinois Wesleyan's 14th president and
25 during his presidency, Illinois Wesleyan experienced
26 significant growth in enrollment, faculty, academics, and
27 campus value; the University's School of Nursing was
28 established during his presidency; he pioneered the May Term,
29 and worked closely with students, introducing policies that
30 gave the Student Senate full authority over student activity
31 fees and initiated student membership on university
32 committees; and

1 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from Illinois Wesleyan,
2 he was president for one year of the Central States College
3 Association, a consortium of 11 Midwest campuses; he was a
4 member of four academic honor societies: Phi Beta Kappa,
5 Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, and Beta Beta Beta, the national
6 biology honorary, serving as the group's national president
7 from 1946 to 1953; he was the recipient of an honorary doctor
8 of humanities degree from Illinois Wesleyan in 1975; and

9 WHEREAS, He was active in Methodist activities; he was a
10 member of the Wesley Methodist Church in Bloomington and
11 served on its Board of Stewards and the Commission on
12 Stewardship and Finance; he was also a member of the General
13 Board of Lay activities of the Methodist General Conference;
14 in 1966, he was a delegate to the World Methodist Conference
15 in London; and

16 WHEREAS, He served as president of Region 3-B,
17 Comprehensive Health Planning Agency, an organization
18 encompassing 16 counties in east-central Illinois, was a
19 member of the board of directors of the Rotary Club in
20 Bloomington, and was president of the IWU Federal Credit
21 Union; and

22 WHEREAS, The passing of Lloyd M. Bertholf will be deeply
23 felt by all who knew him, especially his daughter, Dr. Lynn
24 B. Westcot; his son, Dr. Max E. (Nancy) Bertholf; his six
25 grandchildren; his eight great-grandchildren; and his sister,
26 Faye McCoy; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
28 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
29 together with his family and friends, we mourn the passing of
30 Lloyd M. Bertholf, who will be remembered as a man of strong
31 integrity and great vision and his legacy of dedicated work
32 on behalf of Illinois Wesleyan University will not be soon

1 forgotten; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the family of Lloyd M. Bertholf with our
4 sincerest condolences.